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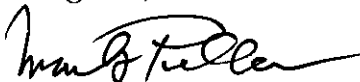
I am writing in support of captioned telephone service being mandated to telephone companies by the FCC, and requiring them to make these devices available to those of us with hearing loss.

I wear a hearing aid, and as I age, my hearing is becoming worse. The day may well come when I need a captioned phone if I am to continue talking with my friends and family. That day has already arrived for two of my relatives who are profoundly deaf.

Hearing loss is difficult and embarrassing, and while hearing aids can often improve the situation, they have serious limitations for many of us who are impaired. In my case, simple amplification does not solve the problem, and we look to you for assistance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,



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